

**Environment Committee Testimony HB-6047
Public Hearing February 27, 2015**

**Co-Chairman Senator Kennedy
Co-Chairman Representative Albis
Members of the Committee**

I am writing you to express my thoughts on the Proposed Committee Bill No. 6047 -- An Act Providing Proper Funding for State Hatcheries.

I SUPPORT HB-6047.

With "hatchery funding" budget plans in the past and currently proposed, continually seeking reductions and/or elimination of hatcheries, a well researched and thoughtful study to sustain this important "state resource" is needed. I believe this bill will establish this opportunity and enhance the state's ability for funding fish hatcheries and recreational fisheries programs through recognition of specific revenue sources both "public" and "private" in nature. HB-6047 is just the bill, not only needed, but mandated as Connecticut faces a huge fiscal challenge across all areas of spending and revenue.

I urge you to please support this vitally important bill.

Thank you.

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